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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action of 12 May 2005 requiring a restriction to one of two groups of Claims, either Claims 1 and 2 or Claims 3-7, we provisionally elect claims 1 and 2 with traverse, i.e. we do not agree with the reasoning of the Examiner that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process. It is respectfully submitted that specifying "a continuous strip of sheet metal" in both independent claims (Claim 1 and Claim 3) completely rules out casting such a product. Neither of the independent Claims 1 or 3 rules out the possibility of using a tin snips to manually produce the wave shaped edge portions, even though this solution would be impractical in this industrial context. All that Claim 1 specifies is "cutting the continuous strip". It is recognized that novelty searching this invention may entail searching in two different classes, but, for the reasons spelled out above, this does not make the subject matters of Claims 1 and 3 distinct from each other.

Respectfully submitted,

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